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Applicant(s): Steven Donders **Examiner:** Unassigned
Serial No: Unassigned **Art Unit:** Unassigned
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A **Dated:** January 11, 2002
BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT BETWEEN A SLIPPER
AND A PISTON, AND A BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT
OF THIS TYPE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-identified application, kindly enter
the following preliminary amendments.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 3-5, 11 and 12 as follows:

- A' 3.(Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the recess edge (7) is hot-
beaded.
- 4.(Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that, before finishing the lateral
surface (2c) of the piston (2), the lateral surface (2c) is nitrided or hardened.

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